are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The gap between requirements and indigenous availability of chemical fertilisers can not be met by utilisation of organic manures|biofertilizers.

(e) The annual import requirements of chemical fertilisers are assessed keeping in view the indigenous fertiliser availability and expected requirements of fertilisers during the year. The Government also closely monitors the import requirements and reduces the level of imports as and when the circumstances warrant.

Construction of Flats in Vasant Kunj

1706. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work in Sector 'C' in Vasant Kunj has stopped, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) when are flats in that Sector likely to be ready for allotment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The flats under construction are likely to be completed during the period January to March, '88 and will be allotted thereafter.

Broadcast of Tamil songs on AIR Madras

1707. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that the changes in Arangisai programme in the All India Radio (AIR) Madras facilitating the broadcasting of Tamil songs has not been permitted;

(b) what are the reasons for not broadcasting Tamil songs when Tamil Isai pre-dates the Carnatic music of thiagaraja, Muthuswamy Dikshitar and Shyama Sastri;

(c) whether Government propose to conduct any enquiry in this regard; and

(d) whether Government propose to allow broadcast of Tamil Songs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) The Arangisai programme of AIR Madras is a Carnatic Classical Music Concert programme of 70 minutes duration featuring compositions in several languages including Tamil. This duration was reduced in April, 1986 to 30 minutes of classical music, 30 minutes for a new programme entitled "Saalaram" (the Window) featuring a radio report on the cultural and literary events taking place in and around Madras and 10 minutes of film songs in Tamil. The reduction in the duration of the classical music concert programme was not appreciated by the listeners. After consideration, Director-General, All India Radio decided to restore the content and duration of the programme to the original level w.e.f. 1st July, 1986;

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Compositions in Tamil are invariably broadcast in several chunks over AIR Madras. Such songs set to classical ragas have also been and would continue to be broadcast in the Arangisai programme also.

Reservation quota for other backward Classes.

†1707-A. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry had recently issued a direction to the

†Previously Unstarred Question 1512 transferred from the 7th August, 1986.